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DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 20020013782 A1

TITLE: Software program for internet information retrieval, analysis and presentation

Detail Description Paragraph (10):

[0044] When searching for targeted information on a web page, the intelligent agent Bot 10 matches patterns against the hierarchical tree structure of the document representing the page in HTML, XML, WML, or other presentation or formatting language. This makes the intelligent agent Bot resilient to changes on the pages.

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REPRESENTATIVE-FIGURES: 1

ABSTRACT:

A method and system for generating reports relating to various web sites. Each report will be tailored to the type of web sites examined as well as the particular client. A site structure description language as well as content standardization rules will be employed by one or more intelligent agent Bots to analyze the information provided on the web pages. This information will be transmitted to a data warehouse for analysis by a report analysis system. A report presentation system along with a user graphical interface will allow each particular client to view their particular reports. Among other features, these reports would indicate the position of the web site and a particular search engine as well as the number of clicks it would take to order a particular product or service.

CORRESPONDING APPLICATION

[0001] The present application is entitled to the benefit of Provisional Patent Application Ser. No. 60/183,366 filed on Feb. 18, 2000.

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ABSTRACT:

The present invention provides a system and method for expanding and collapsing a tree view from a web interface by using HTML to build the visual representation of the web server's information structure, which has the capability to preserve previous tree expansion states in the stateless web HTML environment. In a method according to the present invention, a request comes in from a client browser which contains a universal resource locator (URL). The web server passes the URL to the tree HTML page generation engine to generate the collapsible/expandable tree. The tree HTML page generation engine server will call the corresponding query modules according to the information passed in from the URL. A linked list is generated according to the results returned from one of the query modules. The linked list is then passed into the tree HTML page generation engine. The tree HTML page generation engine generates the HTML page containing nodes. Each node has an embedded URL associated with it and contains a special encoding to memorize the tree expansion state information. The generated tree view is then returned to the web server and then to the browser.

13 Claims, 10 Drawing figures

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TITLE: System and method for dynamically expanding and collapsing a tree view for an HTML web interface

Abstract Text (1):

The present invention provides a system and method for expanding and collapsing a tree view from a web interface by using HTML to build the visual representation of the web server's information structure, which has the capability to preserve previous tree expansion states in the stateless web HTML environment. In a method according to the present invention, a request comes in from a client browser which contains a universal resource locator (URL). The web server passes the URL to the tree HTML page generation engine to generate the collapsible/expandable tree. The tree HTML page generation engine server will call the corresponding query modules according to the information passed in from the URL. A linked list is generated according to the results returned from one of the query modules. The linked list is then passed into the tree HTML page generation engine. The tree HTML page generation engine generates the HTML page containing nodes. Each node has an embedded URL associated with it and contains a special encoding to memorize the tree expansion state information. The generated tree view is then returned to the web server and then to the browser.

Brief Summary Text (14):

In a method according to the present invention, a request comes in from a client browser which contains a universal resource locator (URL) and information about the request such as encoding for the state information. The web server passes the additional information to the tree HTML page generation engine to generate the collapsible/expandable tree. The tree HTML page generation engine will call the corresponding query modules according to the information passed in from the URL. A linked list is generated according to the results returned from one of the query modules. The linked list is then passed back to the tree HTML page generation engine. The tree HTML page generation engine turns the linked list into an HTML page containing nodes and leaves. Each node has an embedded URL associated with it and contains a special encoding to memorize the tree expansion state information. The generated tree view is then returned to the web server and then to the browser.

Detailed Description Text (4):

FIG. 2 is a flow diagram illustrating the general steps of the present invention. In a first step, illustrated by box 200, a client browser makes a request to the web server. The request from the client browser contains a universal resource locator (URL). The request could be a URL typed in by the user to initiate the first contact with the web server or a URL encoded in a previously generated tree view node in the web page. At 202, the web server passes the URL to the tree HTML page generation engine to generate the collapsible/expandable tree. The generated tree serves as a traversing tool to the existing information system. The tree HTML page generation engine server will call the corresponding query modules according to the information passed in from the URL at 204. Next, at 206, a linked list is generated according to the results returned from one of the query modules. This linked list contains all the data needed for constructing a tree representation for the information (such as a database, file system, network domains and the like). The linked list is then passed into the tree HTML page generation engine at 208. The tree HTML page generation engine generates the HTML page containing nodes and leaves. As will be seen with reference to FIGS. 4(a)-4(d), the nodes are actually the "+" (plus) sign and the "-" (minus) sign which can be clicked by users to collapse or expand a branch. Each node has an embedded URL associated with it and contains a special encoding to memorize the tree expansion state information. This information will get updated and carried over to the next generated tree (web page) to preserve the previous expansion state. The leaves (entries in the tree view without plus or minus signs) are also URLs, which point to actual data that the user wishes to receive. An example of a portion of an HTML page generated is illustrated in FIG. 5. The generated tree view is then returned to the web server at 212 and then to the browser at 214.

Detailed Description Text (5):

A system implementing a preferred present embodiment is shown and described in connection with FIG. 3. The client, or web browser 300 can be any type or level of web browser. The web browser 300 sends a request over path 302 to the web or application server 304. The

Records 304 displays from 304 extracts the URL from the web server 3002 via the <http://webserver:3002/TreeGenerator?expand=1&passback=1&page=1&path=TFKWIC> and passes back the page 306 to the tree HTML page generator 308. Here, the page generator 308 invokes the query module 312 to access the information system the user seeks information from. The information system can be, for example, a database 314 or a file system 316. A linked list 320 is returned back to the tree HTML page generator, which is then converted into the HTML page 326 that includes the tree expansion state information. The linked list is comprised of a list of pointers to the information. Lastly, the HTML page generation engine 308 returns the page 326 back to the web server which in turn, sends the page back to the web client 300. Examples of the visual representation are shown in FIGS. 4(a) through 4(d). As mentioned previously, leaves in the tree view are indicated with plus and minus signs, while the leaves are indicated by line access in the tree. FIG. 4(a) shows the initial representation of the page generated by the HTML page generation engine 308.

CLAIMS:

7. A method for generating a tree view for a web browser comprising the steps of:
receiving a request for information at a web server from a client browser, said request containing a URL for the information;
invoking an HTML page generation engine to build an HTML page for visual presentation of the information;
executing a query module from the page generation engine to an information system to search for the requested information;
building a linked list from the results of the query module;
generating an HTML page from the link listed information, said HTML page having embedded pointers to tree expansion state information; and
returning the HTML page to the client browser.

12. A computer product comprising:

a computer usable medium; and

a computer readable code embodied on the computer usable medium, said readable code configured to cause the computer to construct a dynamic tree view from a linked list by embedding tree expansion states into an HTML page.



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CLAIMS:

2. The method of claim 1 wherein said structured document comprises a plurality of pages in the form of HTML files, the pages being in a tree structure wherein each page descends from a root page through one or more parents and said automatically developing step comprises:

automatically developing information identifying parents of said selected hypertext page.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein said structured document comprises a plurality of pages in the form of HTML files, the pages being in a tree structure wherein each page descends from a root page through one or more parents and said automatically developing step comprises:

automatically developing information identifying other hypertext pages descended from a parent of said selected hypertext page.



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Detailed Description Text (32):

Referring now to FIG. 3b, in another preferred embodiment, the dynamic page generator 125 includes a page processor 140, a query module 142 and a template parser 144. As before, the dynamic page generator builds a HTML page for display on a browser 122, 123 using templates. Similarly, the page processor 140 communicates with the query module 142 as needed to obtain, extract and format information from the database 121 for display on the browser 122, 123. However, in this preferred embodiment, the template parser 144 obtains a template from the HTML structures 126, parses this template to create a syntax tree and delivers the resulting syntax tree to the page processor 140 to create HTML for display on the browser 122, 123. As is well known in the art, a syntax tree is a common representation used in the construction of parsers and compilers to simplify the process of transforming an input file into a desired output. Thus, a syntax tree is an internal representation of the original input file. For more information on syntax trees, please refer to "Compilers principles, techniques and tools", by Alfred V. Aho, ISBN 0-201-10038-6.

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ABSTRACT:

The present invention provides a merchant system for online shopping and merchandising. The merchant system architecture provides great flexibility for a merchant to adapt the merchant system to their existing business practices, promotions and databases. The merchant system includes a dynamic page generator, a configurable order processing module and a database module capable of retrieving data from the database without regard to its schema. The present invention enables merchants to create electronic orders which are easily adaptable for different sales situations. The order processing module includes multiple configurable stages to process a merchant's electronic orders. The merchant system is capable of generating pages dynamically using templates having embedded directives. The database module and the dynamic page generator allow merchants to modify their databases and page displays without having to reengineer the merchant system.

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